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Words and phrases that can confuse

(a bit of grammatical help)

Over - During





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Both **OVER** and **DURING** have similar meanings and are connected with periods of time. It is the duration that is different.

DURING indicates a shorter period than the whole period and we do not know the start, end or duration.

OVER indicates the whole period of time.

- •During the weekend I went to the cinema (for a few hours).
- Mechanically ventilated animals were anesthetized with isoflurane during instrumentation...(at some moment).
- I worked over the weekend (for all the weekend).
- Plasmid DNA was prepared from the over-night culture (all the night).
- Germany will further expand renewable energy over the next decade (for all the next 10 years).
- Worldwide, record breaking rainfall events have been on the rise over the past 30 years (for all the last 30 years).